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SUBJECT: MESSAGE OF KING AND FIRST MOVES OF GOVERNMENT

1. THE KING PRESIDED OVER THE FIRST CABINET SESSION THIS
MORNING WITH A BRIEF MESSAGE, AMONG OTHER THINGS, CALLING
UPON THEM AS REPRESENTATIVES OF "A NEW GENERATION":

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--TO CONSULT WITH ALL WHO HONESTLY PROFESS THEMSELVES

INTERESTED IN THE COMMONWEALTH;
--TO WORK WITHOUT FEAR AND MAKE OPPORTUNE DECISIONS;
--TO MAKE A STRONG GOVERNMENT IN A STRONG STATE;
--TO MAKE THE EFFORT TO CONCILIATE IN THIS IMPORTANT
HOUR IN SPAIN'S POLITICAL EVOLUTION TOWARD NEW
POLITICAL AND SOCIAL STRUCTURES, WHILE RESPECTING THE
ESSENTIAL VALUES OF THE NATION;
--TO RECOGNIZE AND RESPECT WHAT HAS BEEN ACHIEVED
IN A WIDE PERIOD OF PEACE AND PROSPERITY WHILE CORRECTING
THE DISEQUILIBRIUM OF RAPID DEVELOPMENT;
--TO DEVELOP THE LAWS THAT SHOULD CONSTITUTE OUR
JURIDICAL ORDER;
--AND TO CONSTRUCT OUR COMITY IN ORDER AND IN LIBERTY;
-- TO MAKE THE IMPORTANT POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC
DECISIONS IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF UNITY THAT INCREASES
CONFIDENCE IN THE MONARCHY AND THE INSTITUTIONS
OF THE STATE, MAKING POSSIBLE THE PARTICIPATION OF EVERYONE.

2. THE KING ALSO SAID THAT HE MADE NO DISTINCTION AMONG
SPANIARDS AND ASKED ALL TO SUPPORT THE GOVERNMENT AND,
WHEN NECESSARY TO CRITICIZE IT, CRITICIZE IT JUSTLY,
CONSTRUCTIVELY AND WITH GOOD INTENTION. HE ADDED THAT
THESE WERE DIFFICULT TIMES IN WHICH HE EMPHASIZED
TWO OBJECTIVES: 1) THAT WITH THE WORK OF ALL THE SPANISH
OVERCOME THEIR CURRENT (ECONOMIC) DIFFICULTIES, AND 2) MAKE POSSIBLE
THE CLEAR PARTICIPATION IN PEACE OF ALL THE CITIZENRY
IN THE DETERMINATION OF THE POLITICAL FUTURE.

3. THE GOS REPEATEDLY DECIDED TO SET UP A COMMITTEE OF THREE
CABINET MEMBERS TO SET FORTH THE GUIDELINES OF THE
PROGRAMMATIC DECLARATION FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO BE MADE
PUBLIC NEXT WEEK. REPORTS HAVE IT THAT FOREIGN
MINISTER OREJA, JUSTICE MINISTER LAVILLA AND
INTERIOR MINISTER MARTIN VILLA WILL COMPRISE THIS
COMMITTEE. THEY ARE, OF COURSE, ALL IDENTIFIED
WITH REFORM.

4. PRESS REPORTS HAVE IT THAT THE NEW UNDERSECRETARY
OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS WILL BE GABRIEL CANADAS, FORMER
UNDERSECRETARY OF INFORMATION. BUT WE UNDERSTAND
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PRIVATELY THAT CANADAS SUPPORTS THE PARTIDO POPULAR POSITION
NOT TO ENTER THE NEW GOVERNMENT. THE NEW FOREIGN AFFAIRS
UNDERSECRETARY MAYBE ARIAS SALGADO, THE CURRENT MFA TECHNICAL
SECRETARY GENERAL. THE PRESS REPORTS THAT AMNESTY IS UNDER
CONSIDERATION. WE UNDERSTAND PRIVATELY THAT AN
AMNESTY IS LIKELY -- PRESUMABLY FOR REMAINING POLITICAL
PRISONERS BUT NOT FOR THOSE CONNECTED WITH TERRORIST
ACTS -- IN CONNECTION WITH THE RELIGIOUS CEREMONIES

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